

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
December 7, 2004

Present: Mr. DePalo, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Lebeaux

Also: Mr. Perreault, Mr. Morgado, Mr. Danis, Mr. Goodhall, the Westborough-Shrewsbury Treatment Plant Board and members of the Westborough Board of Selectmen

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board met in joint session with the Treatment Plant Board and Westborough Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Morgado reported on the draft MOU with DEP and the Assabet Consortium that involves a sediment study being undertaken with funding from DEP in the amount of \$500,000. Prior to this meeting the Board had occasion to see materials prepared by Mr. Morgado transmitted to the Board in a November 9, 2004 memo and in the form of a November 10, 2004 memo from Mr. Goodhall to Mr. Danis.

After discussion, the Westborough Board of Selectmen voted to proceed with the study which matched the position of the Shrewsbury Board. This action is also supported by the Treatment Plant Board.

There were serious reservations expressed on the nature of this study and the coercive nature of the regulatory environment being created by DEP and the EPA. Also expressed were serious reservations relative to the governance aspect of the sediment study and any recommendations that may be made within the final report.

After a review of the status of the NEPDES and CWMP issues the Board adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Morgado

